

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

ROBERT D. BELUE, et al., )  
Plaintiffs, )  
vs. )Civil Action No.: CV-06-1034  
A. O. SMITH ELECTRICAL )  
PRODUCTS COMPANY, a division )  
of A. O. SMITH CORPORATION; )  
et al., )  
Defendants. )

**RULE 7.1 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANT JOHN CRANE, INC.**

Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant John Crane, Inc. states that it is wholly owned by its parent corporation, Smiths Group, PLC and that Smiths Group, PLC owns all of the stock in John Crane, Inc.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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